

SENATE RESOLUTION 45

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Frank and Juanita Catron of Mount Carmel on the celebration of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, Frank and Juanita Catron celebrated their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the couple first met while attending Vermont United Methodist Church in Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, though Mrs. Catron says theirs was not love at first sight, she says Mr. Catron persisted in courting her almost every evening after he would get off work at Borden Mills; his persistence was well rewarded; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Juanita Catron were joined in holy matrimony in Gate City on February 17, 1934; their blessed union produced three children, which they raised together in their Bloomingdale home; and

WHEREAS, the Catrons lived in the same house in Bloomingdale for forty-two years before moving to Mount Carmel; this was their one and only move during their seventy-five years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Juanita Catron owned and operated an auto body shop in Bloomingdale, which their son, Jim, currently runs; and

WHEREAS, in honor of their joyous occasion, the Catrons received a visit from Gary Lawson, the Mayer of Mount Carmel, who presented them with a certificate commemorating the

longevity of their marriage; Mayor Lawson was a neighbor of the Catrons and attended their church while he was growing up in Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lawson said the town of Mount Carmel wanted to honor the Catrons' long marriage as a model and an example for all married couples; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and loving wife, Mrs. Catron says she believes the secrets to a successful and lengthy marriage are decision making, loving her husband, going to church, and reading the Bible; and

WHEREAS, the Catrons celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with their family at a joyous party held on February 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-five years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Catrons' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Frank and Juanita Catron on the celebration of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for every continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.